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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science & Technology)  
ATTENTION : Colonel Jack Ledford

1. The Director discussed with Mr. Gilpatric the return of the CIA U-2's from SAC in accordance with our prior request.

2. They agreed that there was a necessity for continuing to utilize over Cuba two of the high performance CIA U-2's presently on loan to SAC, and that the third high performance CIA U-2 would be returned to CIA [REDACTED]

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3. It is desired that you plan as follows:

a. The Agency will not attempt to utilize J-57 configured U-2's;

b. Arrange all logistics for the return from SAC of one of our J-75 U-2's [REDACTED]

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c. Utilize this returned aircraft, plus the one presently at Edwards, [REDACTED]

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d. Recapture from SAC whatever cameras are necessary to equip these two aircraft;

e. Ensure that SAC understands the remaining two J-75 U-2's are still on loan from the Agency in accordance with our message, OUT 9235, of 23 June.

In this connection the DCI has determined that it is still desirable

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to continue the Cuban flights with J-75 configured U-2's. In the event a real bind develops on CIA operational requirements, please reopen the subject with me.

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